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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM CANCELS PLANS FOR EUROPEAN TRIP

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1. DFA (COOPER, ASST SECRETARY, EUROPEAN BRANCH) INFORMED EMBOFF MAY 29 THAT PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM HAS RELUCTANTLY DECIDED TO CANCEL PROJECTED TRIP TO EUROPE, INCLUDING SOVIET UNION, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 15-JULY 15. TELEGRAM BEING SENT TODAY TO AUSTRALIAN EMBASSIES CONCERNED, LEAVING OPEN POSSIBILITY OF VISIT LATER IN 1974, THOUGH NO DATES GIVEN. MUCH THE SAME INFO HAS ALSO APPEARED IN AUSTRALIAN PRESS MAY 29.

2. COOPER SAID THAT REASON FOR CANCELLATION IS PROSPECT FOR EARLY SESSION OF NEW PARLIAMENT, PROBABLY IN EARLY JULY, INSTEAD OF LATE JULY, AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT WHITLAM INTENDS TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY ON ATTEMPTING TO GET THROUGH MAJOR PIECES OF LEGISLATION BLOCKED BY OUTGOING SENATE, USING CAJOLERY AND PERSUASION IF POSSIBLE BUT JOINT SESSION OF BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT IF NECESSARY.
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